

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for speech recognition includes a speaker-independent set of stored word representations derived from speech of many users deemed to be typical speakers and for use by all users, and may further include speaker-dependent sets of stored word representations specific to each user. The speaker-dependent sets may be used to store custom commands, so that a user may replace default commands to customize and simplify use of the system. Utterances from a user which match stored words in either set according to the ordering rules are reported as words.